

# "VICTORY" FLOUR-- THE HIGHEST GRADE MILLED

## THAT PLACENTIA BAY TRAGEDY

Dormidy, One of the Survivors, All Through the Night Held the Dead Body of His Father With One Arm Whilst With the Other he Clung to a Rock

The loss of the schooner Madonna on the Little Gull Rock, near Judy Island in Placentia Bay, on Saturday evening the 6th inst., resulted in a tragedy which has brought general grief to the hardy fisher-folk all over the bay.

The two men who lost their lives were well known fishermen and were general favorites. The body of Robert Sparrow has not been recovered, despite diligent search for more than a week by the men of Odein.

On Friday last the remains of James Dormidy were brought from Odein to Placentia by the S.S. Argyle and taken by motor boat to his home at Dunville where the body was washed. On Saturday afternoon interment took place at Placentia; and at the last Mass on Sunday Monsignor Reardon, preaching from the text "Have pity on me, have pity on me at least you my friends, for the hand of the Lord hath touched me," made a very touching reference to the tragic affair.

The young man, Michael Dormidy, has almost completely recovered. His escape from a watery grave borders on the miraculous. The vessel was lost shortly after night-fall on Saturday. At low tide the small rock on which he fought for his life would dry sufficiently for him to lie down and rest a little; but with the rising tide he had to renew again his battle for life with the raging sea. His father died from exhaustion on Sunday evening. All through the night he held his dead parent with one arm, while with the other he clung to a pinnacle in the rock.

The rising tide on Monday compelled him to release his hold and his father's dead body was swept in over the rock. A little later, Robert Sparrow, still alive but too weak to hold on was carried seaward by the rushing waters.

From the time of his rescue, Tuesday afternoon, by Mr. Pomeroy, of Rushoon, and he was brought to Odein, every thing that could be done towards nursing the young man back to health was personally attended to by Magistrate R. T. McGrath and his good wife. To them and the Odein people generally, this young man desires to express his heartfelt thanks and gratitude.

"Not once or twice in our rough island story" has the name of McGrath been linked with kindly deed and generous act to the mariner in distress. Magistrate McGrath would feel abundantly repaid could he but hear the praise and prayers of the friends of the rescued boy.—Com. Dunville, Nov. 16, 1915.

If you want the best light, burn "Briteslite" Kerosene. P. H. COWAN, Importer.

### OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The volunteers were yesterday engaged at field manoeuvres up Waterford Bridge Road. The attacking party was commanded by Lieut. O'Grady, and the men acting on the defensive were under Sgt. Williamson. The advance guard was commanded by Instructor Hussey and the "battle" looked the better part of the day, a "truce" being called at 1 p.m. for dinner. The men thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

### OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT

A. S. WADDEN wishes to announce to his Patrons and the General Public, that his New Store 368 Water Street West (2 doors West of old stand) is now open with a full line of Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, Fruits, Confectionery, etc. All orders personally attended to. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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## SHIPPING

The Florizel left New York for this port via Halifax at noon on Tuesday.

The barqtn. Atilla arrived at Pernambuco Monday after a run of 43 days; all well.

The repairs to the Norwegian barque Ravenscount will shortly be completed and she should sail the end of the week.

The Laxington sailed today for Halifax and thence goes to New Port News. The storm detained her.

The S.S. Cape Breton which was forced to run in out of the storm Tuesday, resumed the run to Clarendville yesterday to discharge a cargo of coal for the Reid Nfld. Co. from Sydney.

The schr. Spinaway from Fowey put out of Bay Bulls yesterday morning and was driven off the land with a tern schooner which came down the shore. They will likely be picked up by tugs.

The Prospero left LaScie at 7.20 a.m., going North; and the Portia left Trepassy at 12.15 this morning, going West.

The schr. Swallow, with 15 men on board and laden with fish and oil, left Seldom Monday and has not been heard of since. She is commanded by John Bowning. There is great anxiety about her.

The schr. General Lauria arrived here yesterday to A. H. Murray with a cargo of coal from Sydney. She had the full weight of Tuesday's gale but came through without mishap.

The Bellavente came off the dry dock to-day after being surveyed and receiving some necessary attention. The Adventure goes on to get some new blades for her propeller. Both ships will be transferred to the Russian Government as icebreakers.

The schooner which ran from Bay Roberts and anchored near Portugal Cove Tuesday and whose crew left her, was this morning towed by the Euphrates to Bell Island and will make her way home from there.

The American seaman, Collins, who attacked one of the Norwegians on the Carisbrook at Little Bay some time ago and who served two months for wounding him, arrived here Monday. He was looked after by Consul Benedict and sent home by the Stephano yesterday.

The Progress and Euphrates could not cross to Portugal Cove from Bell Island Tuesday, but did so yesterday. They could not load freight at the Cove as seas broke over the wharf and had to run to Western Point Cove with so.

The schr. "Shannon Max" according to a message received by Mr. H. W. LeMessurier—of Smith's Sound, T.B., is anchored in a water logged condition at Split Point Cove, Baccalieu Tickle, and her crew were taken off by the Ethie yesterday. The vessel evidently was out in the big storm of Tuesday.

The schr. Britannia, 33 tons, laden with supplies, the property of fishermen, and which left here Monday for Old Perlican, dragged her anchors there yesterday, went ashore and became a total loss. She was owned by Hy. B. Button. The loss of the freight is a serious blow to the owners.

The schr. Independence Second arrived at Woods Island from Gloucester to load herring for Cunningham & Thompson. Strong N.W. gales prevailed the past four days at Bay of Islands and no fishing could be done.

We advise trappers to send their furs to Newfoundland Fox Exchange.

## WOMEN'S MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Fourteenth Annual Convention Was Held in Gower Street Church Yesterday

The fourteenth annual convention of the Women's Missionary Society in the St. John's district was held in Gower Street Church yesterday. The afternoon service was of a two-fold nature, the first part being Devotional and Memorial under the leadership of Mrs. (Rev.) Royle, and the latter, Consecration, presided over by Mrs. (Rev.) Paine. The key-note was prayer and Mrs. Royle emphasized the thought that prayer backed up by work brings lasting results.

Miss Bessie Taylor gave an excellent talk on Faith, basing her remarks on the 3rd Chap. Acts.—"Peter, had neither silver nor gold to give the cripple, but such as he had he gave." Close companionship with Jesus gave Peter such faith as he displayed, and in our day such companionship is necessary to fit us for the work required of us.

The memorial hymn was "Peace Perfect Peace."

The District Organizer, Mrs. E. G. Hunter, here extended a hearty welcome to the delegates of whom there were a goodly number present. The soloist was Mrs. Cockerham. An excellent paper on "Loyalty" was read by Mrs. Hemmen. She showed that which it was right and proper to be loyal to our King and Empire, yet we must not overlook the loyalty we owe to a mightier king and greater kingdom. The paper was brimful of good advice and suggestions, and well worthy the occasion.

Mrs. K. Barnes followed with an inspiring talk on Consecration and Christian Stewardship. Consecration was a necessary equipment for the success of any great achievement. A new and untried path lies before the women of our church and it is necessary to receive from God fresh power and strength, wisdom and zeal to satisfactorily perform the new duties that must be demanded of us.

Mrs. Paine spoke of the formation of the branch, and asked all the members to devote that care and love, interest, time and money to the work that will ensure its success. At 8 p.m. the meeting was under the direction of the young people of the circles, and was conducted by Miss Marguerite Parsons. The following interesting programme was fully enjoyed by the large number present.

Reading—Miss Cummins. Paper—"What the Circle means to the Girl"—Miss Dingle. Paper—"What the Girl means to the Circle"—Miss Carrie Parsons. Solo—Miss Christian. Recitations—Misses Nicholle and Pollard. Address—Mrs. Parkins. Quartette—Misses Sylvia Moore, Marjorie Hutchings, Alice Woods and Sadie Soper.—Daily News.

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### ECHOES OF THE STORM

Last evening the report got about that a schooner owned in Bay Roberts was missing and it was feared was lost with all hands. This has reference evidently to Capt. Phil Snow's craft, which had to run from Bay Roberts, anchor at the Eastern end of Bell Island and later ran to Portugal Cove where she rode out the storm, though the crew left her. The matter was referred to in yesterday's Mail and Advocate.

### ANXIETY FOR VESSEL

We learn to-day that in Tuesday's storm a schooner from the Northward bound for St. John's with fish, oil &c., left Catalina Tuesday morning and has since not been reported. The vessel, we hear, besides her crew had several passengers on board and there is much anxiety expressed about her. It is hoped that she had been driven off shore and that with the abatement of the storm she will turn up here or in some Northern port.

Newfoundland Fox Exchange at 276 Water Street pays highest prices for raw furs.

## RED ISLAND BOAT THOUGHT LOST

Was Seen off Ferryland Tuesday Evening Flying Distress Signal—No Word Has Been Heard of Her Since

People from the Southern Shore to-day say that in the height of Tuesday evening's storm a craft was seen off Ferryland several miles flying signals of distress and making bad weather. She was deeply laden and it was believed to be the schr. 'Annie,' McCarthy master, of Red Island, P.B.

The S.S. Senlac, Capt. Jas. Kemp, ran off from Ferryland, which she had made and was seen to circle about the vessel but it was too rough to make an attempt to rescue the crew. Several times the steamer-essayed the task but failed and the project had to be abandoned.

The vessel was seen battling with the elements till dark but since no word has been heard from her and it is greatly feared she is lost with all hands.

To-day the Marine and Fisheries had the following wire about her from the Sub-Collector at Ferrisburgh:

"Advise immediately any report of boat 'Annie' from Red Island, McCarthy, master, which passed Cape Race Tuesday."

The members of the Congregational Ladies' Aid Society have been hard at work during the year preparing for their annual sale of work, which comes off on Wednesday, 24th inst. A good opportunity will be afforded visitors to pick up pretty and useful Christmas presents. Remember the Twenty-Fourth. nov16,tu,th,sat, 31

### LOCAL ITEMS

Capt. Carl Wayne who came here by the Adventure from Hudson's Bay, left by the Stephano for Halifax to join the S.S. Westmount.

Cabman W. Crane lost a fine horse Monday worth \$140. It perished from colic and is a serious loss to him.

Kerosene and Gasolene. P. H. COWAN, Importer.

A man for the Lunatic Asylum arrived here by Tuesday night's train from Sound Island, P.B. He was a violent case.

Vessels which arrived here yesterday and which were out in Tuesday's storm report a steamer Tuesday evening making for Ferryland. It was believed to be the S.S. Senlac which left here Monday night and got to Cape Race but had to retreat.

Use "Briteslite" Kerosene Oil. P. H. COWAN, Importer.

A boy aged 12 of Logy Bay Road; a girl aged 13 of Brien St.; a boy aged 12 of Barter's Hill, and a girl aged 9 of LeMarchant Road developed diphtheria within the past 48 hours. The three former were sent to hospital and the latter is being treated at home.

It is not known who the owner of the old craft was, which struck the cliff near Hay Cove in Tuesday evening's gale. She had been moored in the harbor for some years and will never be missed as she was right in the track of shipping.

All kinds of raw furs bought by Nfld. Exchange, at 276 Water St.

At the C.L.B. Armory last night a very enjoyable and largely attended dance was held in aid of the Cot Fund and a goodly sum realized. The promoters Misses Barnes and Burridge are to be congratulated on the success of their efforts.

The police last night arrested two drunks. One young man who was under the influence made a nuisance of himself on Water Street last evening. He was ordered away by Head Sparrow but refused to go. Another party interfered with the officer who showed much forbearance.

## SCHR. 'ORANGE BLOSSOM' HAS ROUGH TIME

Skipper King and Crew of New Bonaventure Had Trying Time—Coming Through Baccalieu Tickle Passed Wreck and Saw Men Under Cliffs

The little schooner "Orange Blossom," 30 tons, of New Bonaventure, T.B. Skipper Theophilus King, deeply laden with fish and oil, got in here last evening and had a terrible experience in the gale of yesterday. Looking at the little hooker with only a foot or so of covering board showing above water as she lays at Bowring Bro's premises one wonders how she came through safely.

With five other craft, as the storm considerably abated, the vessel left Bonaventure early yesterday morning. When about one-third of the way across Trinity Bay the wind again began to rise and soon a blow from the N.N.W. obtained the wind reaching the velocity of a hurricane. The rest of the schooners turned back when their skippers saw what was happening, but King determined at all hazards to reach St. John's. How he did so is a mystery.

Knowing the terrible struggle he would be engaged in for hours if not days with the elements, the little vessel was double reefed, her deck cargo of oil &c. was securely lashed down, the hatches were properly secured and cabin and forecastle companionships buttoned down, and she made her way across the Bay with a constant succession of heavy seas going over her. The men had put a supply of bread in their pockets, rigged themselves out in their oil skins and worked like the brave Newfoundland seamen they are, to get her through.

It was an awful experience in crossing the Bay and most of the time the little craft was to all intents and purposes under water. Skipper and crew had many narrow escapes from being washed overboard, and in negotiating the mouth of Conception Bay the ordeal was if anything intensified. Though so closely reefed the canvas became torn and though it looked extremely ugly for a long while, the little boat proved her sea worthiness.

Passed A Derelict. When the "Blossom" was going through Baccalieu Tickle she sighted a submerged schooner of fair size. She was thrown over on her side, and it could be seen that the hull was painted white and blue. Having all they could do to look after themselves the crew did not run near enough to discern her name, but kept a sharp look out for any possible signs of life on board, intending to run down on her and give aid to any hapless being who might be on the wreck. Looking shorewards at the main landside of the Tickle they saw through the smother, caused by the waves and driving spindrift, the smoke of a fire and the figures of what they took to be three men near it. They were in a gulch under the cliff and the "Blossom's" crew hoped that the whole crew might have been saved from the wrecked schooner. They imagine that the vessel was either thrown out on her beam ends and the crew managed to get away in their boat and land, or that she got ashore at Split Point and the crew landed safely. News as to who they might be will be anxiously awaited.

MAKES HER FINAL EXIT THRO "GAP"

The S.S. Bonaventure sailed to-day for Naples with a cargo of about 20,000 qts codfish shipped by Harvey & Co. Owing to the efforts of Delegate Frank Woods of the Firmen's Union, the men taking her over will get \$40 per month, an increase of \$5 over the usual wage. When the ship is transferred to the Russian government the men will get the advance which Mr. Woods obtained for them about 10 days ago, viz: \$65, \$69 and \$55 per month according to grade, though of course they get no bonus.

### ANOTHER SOLDIER ILL.

We learn that Mr. Rd. Hickey recently received word that his son, Corporal Rd. Hickey, at the front with our boys, has been ill for some short time past. He suffers from diphtheria but is not seriously ill and will no doubt soon be O.K. again.

## OUR THEATRES.

### ROSSLEY'S

At Rossley's there is an extra double bill to-night. Carroll and Ellor in a musical comedy sketch entitled "The Mistress and the Maid," and it is one scream. Mr. Carroll, the world greatest female impersonator, will wear one of his most magnificent costumes, real point lace and manufactured in Belgium. He prizes this creation very much, it is a work of art. Last night the crowd were really charmed with the "Suprise Act." When Mr. Carroll appeared in his elegant French costume and fancy dress he just held his audience spell bound, for he has a marvelous voice and one can surely believe they are listening to a man. The singing and dancing of Miss Ellor was loudly applauded. To-night Miss Ellor will give the "Poisoned Scene" from Romeo and Juliet for lovers of Shakespeare, also a correct imitation of Miss Julia Marlow. Don't fail to see the best picture ever presented in St. John's, entitled "The Fear that Burned" in two parts with Lillian Gish in the leading role. It is a masterpiece. Another great feature: "Beppo." Don't miss this wonderful show.

### HAD SAILS TORN.

The schr. Duchess owned by Mr. Woodman of Green's Hr., T.B., arrived here yesterday. On her way here she got into Trinity, Monday, and rode out the storm. She left there yesterday and in the gale which prevailed had her sails torn and some other damage. She was out until 7 p.m. in Tuesday's gale and had to run back again.

It is snowing all over the railway line to-day but the fall of "the white" is not a heavy one.

### A BUSY MAN.

BERNE, Nov. 5.—The Morning Post says: "As a further encouragement of large families in Germany, Emperor William now promises to be godfather, not only to the seventh and eighth sons born in succession, but also to the seventh, eighth, and ninth sons born with a daughter or daughters intervening."

### LOCAL ITEMS

The Marine and Fisheries Department were apprised to-day from Seldom by way of Fogo and Cape Ray, that the schooners Conscript and Silver Cloud were at Kippen's Cove, near Cape Fogo.

A woman named Smith, who keeps a second-hand store, was before Judge Hutchings in Court to-day for buying stolen goods from the boys who committed the robbery at Peel's store. Several witnesses were examined and she was fined in consideration, \$10 and costs or 30 days.

Mr. H. W. LeMessurier had a wire to-day saying that John M. Fudge, of the schr. Harry Nickerson, had been before the Magistrate at Bonne Bay and pleaded guilty to smuggling rubbers. He was fined \$100 and costs and the rubbers were confiscated.

The many friends here of Corporal George Hunt will be glad to hear that he is now almost recovered. He was wounded at Ypres while in action with the Victoria Rifles of the Canadian Forces and has been at Paignton, Devonshire. He will soon go to the Canadian Convalescent Home, London.

## AWFUL ACCIDENT AT SHOE COVE

Mr. J. T. Lamb, Jeweller, Receives Particulars of Happenings—Man's Presence of Mind Saved Woman's Life—The Victim is Terribly Burnt, as is Also Her Rescuer

MY DEAR OLD FRIEND,—I am just sending you a few lines to tell you of a terrible misfortune that happened me and my daughter-in-law Lizzie Gray, (John's wife) on Nov. 5.

All the family were at dinner when suddenly we heard a great explosion and pitiable screams. I jumped from the table and rushed through the kitchen door and to my horror I met Lizzie rushing for the house enveloped in flames. She was boiling soap a few yards away from the house when the explosion occurred. As she faced for the kitchen door all I could see was flames. She was suffering terrible agony, poor creature.

Keeping my presence of mind I grabbed her and rushed her over the steps to the bridge near the water barrel and I soon quenched the flames by pouring the barrel of water over her. All her clothing was burned even her boots. I saved her life but the poor woman is in a terrible condition, her face, arms and legs being terribly burnt.

We hope through God's help she will recover. I got my hands badly burned in saving her, but I don't mind that as long as I saved her life. I am sitting here to-night helpless, not a hand to help me, dress or undress.

At the time of the accident there was not another man in the Brook besides myself only women and children, and as God had it, I was in my own house at the time, for if not the whole place would have been burned. I am well pleased to know I saved the poor woman's life.

With kind regards,  
Your old friend,  
GEO. KENNETH NOSEWORTHY.

### Capt. Tirand of the French brig.

Capt. Tirand of the French brig. "Gallantry," recently here, was captured with his crew last year in the Pacific by the German converted cruiser Eitel Frederick. His ship was the "Jean," of 3000 tons, and another French and British ship was captured at the same time. All the crew were landed at Easter Island and the vessels were sunk when the Huns had taken the best part of their cargoes.

### Police Court News

In the Police Court to-day Judge Hutchings presided and fined a drunk \$1 or 3 days. Two others were each fined \$2 or seven days.

## Newfoundland Patriotic Association

A GENERAL MEETING of the Patriotic Association will be held at the Board of Trade Rooms this (THURSDAY) evening at 8 o'clock.

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Hon. Sec'y.

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